



COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020/2021

Mike Benson	
Tim Bullock	Chairman
Stephen Greenaway	Vice Chairman, Spray and Swarm Liaison.
Clive Harris	Treasurer
Kathy Hobson	Secretary, Membership Secretary.
Andy Jones	
Nicola Perrett	
Website Manager	Christopher Wilkinson

APIARY NOTES - Tim Bullock

Hopefully you have finished feeding. If colonies are still taking syrup, unless the weather stays exceptionally warm it's probably better to switch to fondant as bees don't have to evaporate the water off. While it stays warm they are likely to still be foraging ivy and Himalayan balsam (if you have it close by).

Take off feeders as you finish needing them, wash them thoroughly and store ready for next year. It's well worth hefting hives now, any that feel light may need some extra attention and fondant earlier in the winter.

If you've got any small colonies it may be worth moving them to a poly nuc as the smaller hive will be easier to keep warm and give them fondant later in the month (they'll have fewer frames of food to see them through winter). It's probably too late to unite weaker colonies now.

Take out the queen excluders from all colonies. Don't forget to strap hives down if they're in exposed places.

Keep monitoring for Asian hornets right through October. Check for hawking in front of active hives and/or around ivy if it's being worked by bees.

COUNTY SHOW

Just to remind you that this takes place on 9.10.21. It looks to be a great day so why not take your family along. Please see attached flyer for information.

AGM

This will take place on 28.10.21. The agenda etc will be sent out in the next few weeks.

The Archives will be available after the AGM for members to have a look at prior to them being taken to the Wiltshire Archives at Chippenham for storage.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewals are due 1.10.21. Please find attached the form. **Please note that the completed form should be returned to Kathy either by post or email.**

For your information the BBKA increased their fee by £2 - this has been absorbed by WBKA so there is no extra fee to members this year.

COMMITTEE

We are still looking for two or three new committee members – any volunteers? Please let Kathy Hobson know if you are interested.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Skittle Alley at the Haydon Wick Club, Blunsdon Road, Swindon SN25 1JD, start time 7.30pm.

Meetings for the rest of 2021 are:

30.9.21	Open Forum
28.10.21	AGM
25.11.21	Speaker to be confirmed
16.12.21	Skittles evening

Anything odd or unusual (or just anything!!!) to add to the Newsletter will be gratefully received.



BEES ON IVY AND HIMALAYAN BALSAM